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Following the closure of the San Juan River by Navajo Nation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 (EPA) worked to provide alternative agricultural and livestock water supplies for Navajo Nation community members in Shiprock, N.M.

Water distributed by EPA was provided by the Bloomfield Utility Department, the municipal water utility company for the City of Bloomfield, N.M., and met all applicable federal and state water quality standards.

To distribute water to community members, nine water tanks were deployed in Shiprock. These tanks were sourced from the water division of an Aztec, N.M.-based tanker truck company. Tanks used were for the exclusive distribution of non-potable water.

The City of Bloomfield's water was unaffected by the Gold King Mine release.

At the request of Navajo Nation, U.S. EPA, starting tomorrow, will source all alternative water from permitted water sources on the Navajo Nation.